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1. In 1953 the plan for an underground passage around Sofia was completed, and excavation was initiated in 1954. Construction work is the responsibility of the Inzhstroy (Ingenerno Stroitelstvo) section of the Ministry of Construction. The unit actually concerned with construction on the spot is called Department No. 27. 25X1
2. There are several sites where construction is already underway, usually with one entrance each to the tunnel. The sites are fenced in and are usually located between military barracks. The following sites are known:
 - a. In the vicinity of the Krasno Selo quarter of Sofia, approximately one kilometer from the prison for juvenile delinquents; the site has Project Number 302, and the entrance to the tunnel bears the same number; Dimitur Angelov is the engineer in charge;
 - b. In the vicinity of the Tukhlarska quarter of Sofia;
 - c. In the vicinity of the Poduene railroad station; and
 - d. In the vicinity of the Seminariya.
3. The tunnel is four meters wide, four meters high, and lies 25 to 30 meters under ground level. The walls and ceiling are of concrete. The wooden forms used for pouring the concrete have been left imbedded in the concrete. A steep, winding stairway leads into the tunnel, each step being 0.8 meters wide and 0.3 meters broad.
4. Workers employed on the project must sign a declaration that they will guard the state secrets, that they are aware of the secret nature of their work, and that they are liable to punishment under the penal code for divulging any information on their work. While much of the construction work is being

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done by soldiers, unemployed Party members have recently been employed.

5. [redacted] soldiers and civilian workers are pouring concrete at the site described in Paragraph 2 a, but [redacted] the site at approximately 100 meters from the streetcar line to Knyazhevo. Concrete is being poured into a narrow excavation approximately 250 meters long. [redacted] the work is connected with air raid shelters, not with a continuous tunnel around Sofia.

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